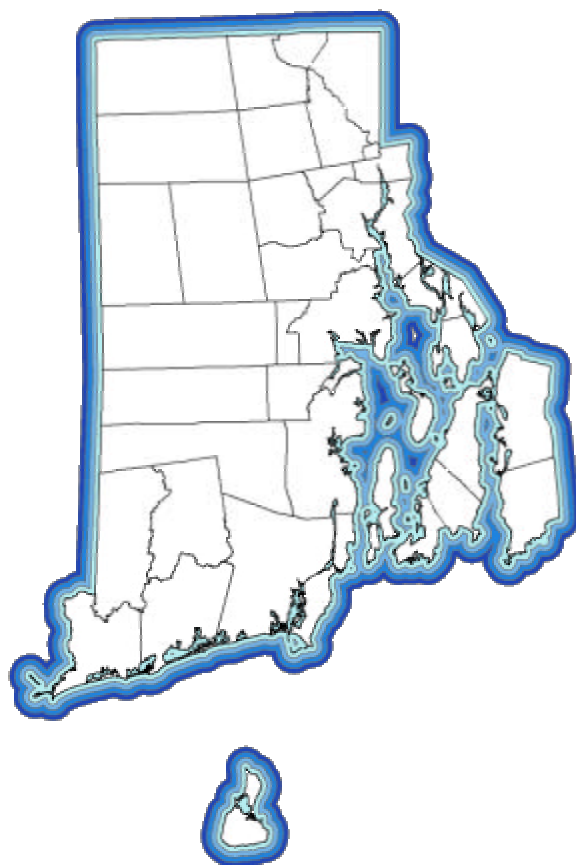


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Dear Rhode Islanders,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you *Cancer in Rhode Island*, a summary of reports on Rhode Island's cancer burden, from trends in cancer rates to the progress in prevention, screening, and treatment. I sincerely hope that *Cancer in Rhode Island* proves useful to our community partners as they field new programs to control the consequences of cancer in our state.

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The Rhode Island Department of Health is firmly committed to maintaining and enhancing its cancer surveillance system, convinced that successful prevention and control efforts are founded on complete, accurate, and timely data. In this vein, we plan to revise *Cancer in Rhode Island* annually. We hope you find this first edition to be useful and provocative.

Sincerely,

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